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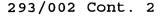
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the October 5, 2004 Office Action, applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.





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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: [X] a Reply to Office Action; [] a Supplemental Amendment; [] a substitute Specification; [] a Declaration; [] a Supplemental Declaration; [] a Power of Attorney; [] an Associate Power of Attorney; [] formal drawings; to be filed in the aboveidentified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

- [X] A fee for additional claims is not required.
- [] A fee for additional claims is required.

The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE		ADD'L FEES
Total Claims	33	33*	0	х	\$ 50 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	9	9**	0	х	\$200 =	\$ 0.00
First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim				+	\$360 =	\$ 0.00
* If less than 20, insert 20. ** If less than 3, insert 3.				TOTAL		\$ 0.00

- A check in the amount of \$_____ in payment of the filing fee is transmitted herewith.
- [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.
- [] Please charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 in payment of the filing fee. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

EXTENSION FEE

- [] The following extension is applicable to the Response filed herewith; [] \$120.00 extension fee for response within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$450.00 extension fee for response within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$1,020.00 extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$1,590.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); \$2,160.00 within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- [] A check in the amount of [] \$120.00; [] \$450.00; []\$1,020.00; []\$1,590.00; []\$2,160.00 in payment of the extension fee is transmitted herewith.
- [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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